

# House Watch

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## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

[HB 5865](#)

(Ebli)

House Bill 5865 (H-2) would add Chapter 8b to the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) Act to do all of the following:

- Require the MSF board to establish a Michigan Promotion Program to promote tourism in Michigan and pay business development and marketing costs to promote business development in Michigan.
- Prohibit funds appropriated for the proposed Program from being used for salaries or benefits of any State or Michigan Economic Development Corporation employees.
- Require the Program to include agri-tourism promotion and at least one winter tourism campaign each fiscal year.
- Appropriate and transfer from the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund to the MSF \$60.0 million in fiscal year 2007-08 for a work project to implement the Michigan Promotion Program.
- From the funds appropriated and transferred under the bill, require the disbursement of \$1.0 million in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$1.0 million in fiscal year 2008-09 to the Department of Agriculture for the export market development program and agricultural promotion and development programs.
- Require that not more than two-thirds of the remaining funds be allocated for Michigan tourism promotion and not more than one-third be allocated for Michigan business promotion.
- Specify legislative declarations, findings, and intent.

- Ebli-1 was adopted
- The House concurred with the Senate substitute, as amended [RC 281: 91 yes, 16 no]

**HB 5866****(Brown)**

House Bill 5866 would amend the Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority Act to authorize the refunding and refinancing of, and the sale of residual interests in, the State's tobacco receipts.

- The House concurred with the Senate substitute S-1 [RC 282: 88 yes, 19 no]

**HB 5867****(Horn)**

House Bill 5867 would amend the Michigan Trust Fund Act to include in the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund the net proceeds from a refunding or refinancing of bonds or the sale of residual interests in tobacco settlement revenue (as House Bill 5866 would allow).

- The House concurred with the Senate substitute S-1 [RC 283: 85 yes, 22 no]

**SB 885****(Kahn)**

The bill would amend the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act to do all of the following:

- Require the recommendation of the Agriculture Commission, in addition to that of the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) board, for the State Administrative Board to designate a renaissance zone for a renewable energy facility that used agricultural crops or residues or processed products from agricultural crops as its primary raw material source.
- Allow the MSF board to expand a tool and die renaissance recovery zone if the additional real property were contiguous to and would become a qualified tool and die business property, and the city, village, or township where it was located consented.
- Allow a business located and conducting business in a renaissance zone to receive a tax credit provided under the Michigan Business Tax Act.

- The House concurred in the Senate amendment [RC 286: 107 yes, 0 no]

## FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 5206****(Sak)**

The bill would amend the Housing Law of Michigan to lengthen the period of time between housing inspections of multiple dwelling rental units. Currently under the law, a local housing enforcement agency must inspect multiple dwellings and rooming houses on a periodic basis. The period between inspections cannot be longer than two years. (All other dwellings can be inspected at "reasonable intervals.") House Bill 5206 would specify that the period between inspections cannot be longer than four years (rather than two). The law also allows a local governmental unit to provide, by ordinance, for a maximum period between inspections of a multiple dwelling or rooming house that is not longer than three years, if the most recent inspection of the premises found no violations of the act. House Bill 5206 would allow for a

maximum period between inspections of six years (instead of three), if there were no violations of the act discovered in the most recent inspection.

- HB 5206 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 5206 was passed [RC 272: 96 yes, 11 no]
- Vote reconsidered
- HB 5206 was passed [RC 273: 94 yes, 14 no]

#### **HB 4993**

**(Virgil Smith)**

The bill would amend the No-Fault Act within the Insurance Code to revise the process by which automobile insurance rates are reviewed. Currently, the code allows an insurance company to use rates for auto insurance as soon as those rates are filed with the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS), although they could be subsequently challenged. Under the bill, any rate increase would take effect 90 days after certain specified required information was filed with OFIS. However, those rates would not take effect if (1) the commissioner of OFIS challenged the proposed rate increase, and/or (2) a challenge was filed by an interested person with the commissioner of OFIS, using rate challenge procedures established by the commissioner.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 4993 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 4993 was passed [RC 274: 59 yes, 49 no]
- IE was not ordered [RC 275: 60 yes, 48 no]

#### **HB 4490**

**(Opsommer)**

House Bill 4490 would repeal Section 9 of the handgun licensure act (MCL 28.429), which requires people who purchase or otherwise come into possession of a pistol in Michigan to obtain a safety inspection certificate from their local police department (or local sheriff, if they reside in a part of the state without an organized police department). That section also requires local law enforcement officials and the State Police to maintain records of safety inspection certificates. The bill would require state and local law enforcement officials to destroy all of their existing records of pistol safety inspections within one year.

- Committee substitute H-2 was not adopted
- Opsommer substitute H-4 was adopted
- HB 4490 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 4490 was passed [RC 276: 98 yes, 10 no]
- IE was ordered
- Passage was reconsidered, and HB 4490 was passed again [RC 277: 93 yes, 15 no]

#### **HB 4491**

**(Sheltrown)**

House Bill 4491 would repeal Section 228 of the Michigan Penal Code (MCL 750.228) under which a person who fails to have his or her pistol inspected as required is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 90 days, or a fine of up to \$100, or both. The bill would also

eliminate other references to Section 9 and safety inspections contained in the Penal Code. House Bill 4491 is tie-barred to House Bill 4490, meaning it could not take effect unless both bills were enacted.

- HB 4491 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 4491 was passed [RC 278: 92 yes, 16 no]
- IE was ordered

#### **HB 5984** (Ebli)

The bill would allow workers at agencies that receive federal funding under the Violence Against Women Act to report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect without violating conditions of the VAWA that would make the agency ineligible to receive the funding.

- HB 5984 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 5984 was passed [RC 279: 108 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

#### **SB 1223** (Allen)

Senate Bill 1223 would add a Chapter 8B to the Michigan Strategic Fund Act to appropriate and transfer \$60 million for the 2008 fiscal year from the General Fund to the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund and then to appropriate and transfer \$50 million from the Jobs Trust Fund to a newly established Michigan Promotion Program to promote tourism and business development in Michigan. The funding would be intended to enhance funding beyond that included in the annual appropriation for Travel Michigan. (MCL 125.2089 et al.)

- SB 1223 discharged from committee
- Ebli substitute H-2 adopted
- SB 1223 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 1223 was passed [RC 284: 92 yes, 15 no]
- IE was ordered

#### **SB 1224** (Stamas)

Senate Bill 1224 would amend the Michigan Trust Fund Act (under which the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund was established) so the Jobs Trust Fund could receive the proceeds appropriated from the General Fund as described in Senate Bill 1225 (from tobacco settlement bond refinancing). The State Treasurer would transfer and disburse the net proceeds for the purposes described in Senate Bill 1223; that is, for tourism promotion and business development in Michigan. (MCL 12. 257 and 258)

- SB 1224 was discharged from committee
- Ebli substitute H-2 was adopted
- SB 1224 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 1224 was passed [RC 285: 86 yes, 21 no]

## **HB 5963**

**(Polidori)**

The Council of State Governments and the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Personnel and Readiness have drafted a new interstate compact to address the educational transition issues of children of military families. With the enactment of House Bill 5963 Michigan would be entering into the compact. The bill would require the governor appoint the state's representative to the interstate commission on educational opportunity or military children. The compact would be effective and binding upon legislative enactment into law by no less than 10 states.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5963 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 5963 was passed [RC 280: 108 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

## **THIRD READING**

## **HB 5900**

**(Condino)**

The bills (HB5900-HB5902) would allow a victim of a crime to take up to 12 weeks of accumulated time off work in a year to attend court proceedings relating to the crime and would prohibit an employer from imposing certain sanctions against that employee. House Bill 5900 would apply to felonies and crimes with penalties involving imprisonment for more than one year

- Condino substitute H-1 was adopted
- Schuitmaker 1A was not adopted
- Schuitmaker 1B was not adopted
- Caswell 1C was not adopted
- HB 5900 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 5900 was passed temporarily